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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE, SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21, 1909.

PRICE

SPECIALS THIS WEEK

AT

DeValinger's Cash Stores MIDDLETOWN and TOWNSEND, DEL.

SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY ONLY, Both Stores.

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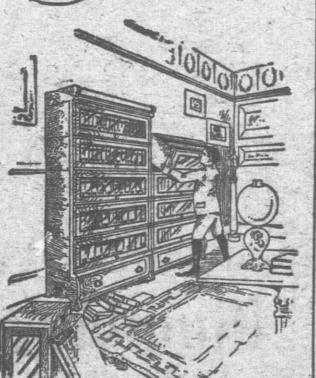
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THE REASON WHY

Said Jones, "I hardly ever ride, For crowded cars I can't abide, And carriages I do despise— I am so fond of exercise!"

"I bring my lunch," said Smith, late, "For no other reason I hate; Besides, I'll spoil my appetite For dinner when I'm home at night."

Said Brown, "I'm tough; I never wear An overcoat. I do declare I do not feel the cold like those Half-frozen clowns weighed down with clothes."

"I never touch cigars," Green spoke, "They're made of stuff unfit to smoke; For healthfulness or comfort sake Give me my fragrant briar pipe."

And so we all apologize, And make excuses—mostly lies— Because we dare not say with shame We go without to save expense.

PIGEONS' AIR-SACKS

The air-sacks of the pigeon, says Bruno Miller, constitute a system of interosseous, the value of which lies at their emptiness; that is, the absence of weight and resistance. Flying is possible only to a body of high mechanical efficiency, and we attain this with machines dressed of all superfluous material. Just so the original reptiles, which by evolution became birds, were divested of superfluous material, and the body spaces thus obtained were filled with air-sacks. The body wall, adapting itself to the mechanical requirements, became a hollow cylinder serving as a support for the organs of movement, the mobility of whose parts was secured by the surrounding air-sacks. The air-cavities in the bones of birds are similarly explained.

Melting Lead in Paper

Here is an interesting little experiment for you to try. Take a small lead bullet or buckshot and wrap it tightly in a single thickness of tissue paper. Then hold with your fingers the bullet over the flame of a candle, or even over a lighted match—just far enough away not to burn the paper—and after a few moments you will find that the lead has melted without scorching the paper. It is possible to boil water in a paper sack in the same way, as the paper will not burn so long as it is wet inside. The water is such a good conductor of heat that it keeps the temperature of the paper below the burning point.

Castor Bean Thrives in Formosa

The soil and climate of Formosa have been found, so well adapted to the castor bean, which grows wild, that a company has been formed to plant 200 acres with it. An oil mill will also be erected.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1909 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, WATER'S STORE
AUGUST 28th, 1909,
From 1 to 4 P. M.
AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
AUGUST 29th, 1909,
From 1 to 4 P. M.
AT DELAWARE'S,
(DAVIS' STORE)
AUGUST 27th, 1909,
From 1 to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

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REGISTER OF WILL'S OFFICE.
New Castle County, Del., Jan. 13, 1909

Upon the application of HOWARD A. POOL, Administrator of the Estate of John A. Pool, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator should give notice of the date of the meeting of the Court of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by mailing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such notice in one of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or make by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

Given under the hand and seal of the office of the Register of Wills, at New Castle, Delaware, this 13th day of January, A. D. 1909, and attested by the said Register of Wills, FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

Notice.—Notices hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the Thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1909, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator on or before the Thirtieth day of January 1910, or abide the order of the Court in such case made and provided.

HOWARD A. POOL,
Administrator.

Address: Howard A. Pool,
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HOUSEHOLD LETTER

Summer Delicacies
Delicacies of service and appearance at any time an attractive feature of the table, become essential in warm weather if appetites are to be stimulated. Food that attracts the eye appeals to the palate. Summer dishes should be easily prepared, light in texture and not hard to assimilate. The fruits of the season furnish many tempting dishes that almost every one enjoys.

Cooled Cantaloupes
Cantaloupes should be served thoroughly chilled, but not filled with ice, as is so often done, as this destroys the flavor and aroma of the melon. Fruit jellies made with a basis of plain tapioca—one-half cup of tapioca to two tablespoonfuls of granulated sugar and served with a sauce of whipped cream, are practical and nutritious. Cook the tapioca until clear, add the sugar and vanilla or other flavoring, and allow it to cool a little before putting with the fruit. Quarter peaches, stoned and peeled, berries or whatever kind of fruit is liked can be used. Place the fruit in layers in the mold or dish and pour in enough jelly to cover until the mold is full. Set on ice for two hours and serve with cream, or with a fruit sauce sweetened.

Fruit Whips
Raspberries make a delicate dessert that most people prefer to ice cream. To a pint of deep ripe berries crushed and mixed with a pint of sugar add the whites of six eggs beaten as stiff as possible, add the fruit syrup a spoonful at a time, and continue the beating. Serve with a couple of rich cream whipped to a froth. This dessert is best made just before serving. Peaches or apples make almost as nice a whip. Add a little lemon to the peach pulp, and flavor the apple sauce with nutmeg or cinnamon.

Junket Desserts
Junkets are especially light and wholesome and combine well with fruits. Add two teaspoonfuls of liquid rennet or one junket tablet to a quart of sweet milk that has been warmed, not boiled. Sweeten to taste and flavor with wine or vanilla. Let it stand a couple of hours on the ice. Serve with berries, peaches, sliced bananas or shredded pineapple.

Rumford Sand Tart

Mrs. H. C. Beeks has lately originated a delicate cake that goes well with summer drinks and desserts. The ingredients—one cup of light brown sugar, one-half cup butter, one egg, one and three-quarter cups sifted flour and two level teaspoons Rumford Baking Powder. Cream, butter and sugar well. Add egg, beat well, last add flour and powder, mixing all perfectly smooth. Roll out thin, cut in fancy shapes. Sprinkle on top granulated sugar in which is mixed some ground cinnamon. Bake carefully as they burn easily. These are particularly crisp and delicious for afternoon tea.

Savory Beef Jelly

Among more substantial dishes, that may be prepared in the morning, and served cold, savory beef jelly is one of the most appetizing. Four pounds of the round of beef is washed and covered with cold water and brought to a boil, then set where it will just simmer three hours. Skim off the top as needed, then add, tied in a little muslin bag, half a teaspoon each of allspice, cloves and whole peppers, and cook two hours longer. Take out the meat, chop fine. Add a chopped red pepper and moisten with the liquid that remains in the pot. Put in a mould that has been rinsed with ice water and set in the ice chest to harden. It will turn out a well flavored moulded jelly that is attractive served with sliced tomatoes and small onions.

MEXICAN HOTELS

"I'm glad to be back in the land of the litchkey," said a mining engineer who had been in Mexico for the past year. "In France, Spain, Italy and throughout Latin America there is a servant in every house and hotel whose business it is to open the door. In Mexico you would think, being so near this country, that the American litchkey would be common. But even in the finest hotels in the capital the big doors are closed at 11 o'clock, and to gain admittance after that hour you have to pound on them with the great knockers that hang outside. After five minutes you hear a sleepy grunt within, then some mutterings and the Spanish word which means 'I'm coming.' Finally the small door in the center of the big one will be unbarred, and you step inside. Then if you don't want to sleep in the park the next night you are kept out late you give the 'portero,' as the keeper of the gate is called, a piece of silver. Between 11 and midnight the fee is 10 cents. From 1 on until morning the gratuity, regulated by custom, steadily increases. Between 1 and 3 it is from 25 to 40 cents, and after 3 it is half a dollar. 'Many a night I have been awakened by the pounding of the knockers in the neighborhood of my hotel. I timed one man for ten minutes before I fell asleep. Probably he had neglected to fee the 'portero' or else the keeper of the gate was drunk; as he frequently is. These 'porteros' usually sleep curled up in blankets just inside the door on the stones with which every interior courtyard and entrance is paved, and all of them have colds. Yet it is a position much sought after, and the gatekeeper ranks highest among the servants."

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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Putative pearls dried in the oven are valuable for fire kindling. They light more quickly than wood and cost nothing.

Mouse traps should be thoroughly scalded and aired every three or four days, for if this is not done they will be practically useless.

To see delicate colors in embroidered handkerchiefs, soak them before washing for ten minutes in a pail of water into which a despoiled spoonful of turpentine has been stirred.

Cloudy mirrors should never be seen in a house. Rub them with a cloth wrung out in cold water and dipped in dry whiting, and then polish them with a dry duster, and they will bring you credit instead of disgrace.

When washing silk use warm, but not hot water. In the rinsing water add a tablespoonful of methylated spirit to each gallon, and the silk will look bright and new. Iron with a rather cool iron, or the silk will become stiff and papery, and be permanently spoiled.

Dust silk with a piece of velvet, not a clothes brush. The velvet does the work thoroughly and without injuring the silk.

To shrink new flannel soak it for twenty-four hours in cold water. Hang it on the line, without wringing, to dry. Then make it up into garments.

Boiled starch is much improved by the addition of a little salt or a little dissolved gum arabic.

When you have cleaned until you are tired and rust still remains on nickel-plated faucets or steel knives, before throwing away the knives and having the faucets relined, try saturating the spots with kerosene.

If you want to keep fish, never put one on top of another. Wrap each fish separately in a clean cloth wrung out of cold water in which some salt has been dissolved, lay it on a dish and keep it in the coolest place available.

When the skin burns and is harsh to the touch it does not need water. It should be cleansed with cold cream and wiped with a soft cloth, then sponged with a mild solution of benzoic acid and alcohol.

The use of cold, fresh water on the skin is invigorating at times, but it is not good for it except on occasions. It always hardens the cuticle and gives it a rough look that is far from desirable. All the rest of the body stands cold water better than the delicate skin of the face.

To washing the hair avoid strong soaps, alkalis such as soda and ammonia, and too much hot water. These all dry out natural oil and make the hair harsh, dry and given to falling.

Depend on regular brushing of the hair rather than on tonics. Ten minutes' stiff brushing twice a day will do wonders for thinning hair. Keep the hair absolutely clean. This may be assisted by a wet shampoo if a wet one cannot be given frequently.

For a dry shampoo powder the hair and scalp well and brush until every particle of powder is gone.

Hair should always be thoroughly dried, as the mingling of water with natural oil causes fermentation, which means dandruff and falling locks. So long as the scalp moves freely over the skull there is hope for the bald head.

Be particular not to use the brushes and combs of another, and see that you do not use your own when in an insanitary condition. Do not burn your hair, twist it into tortuous knots, strain it back from the temples or wear it always in the same coil.

A mop wringer which is adjustable to any nail makes possible the use of very hot water or strong cleansing fluids. The water is pressed from the mop by means of a lever and a woman of little strength can use it easily.

There is a bread-maker on the market now that makes the "kind mother used to make" look to its own laurels. The results of using this are a sweet, wholesome, fine-grained bread.

A covered roaster does away with the need of constant basting.

Among the smaller conveniences which lighten kitchen work immensely are asbestos mats, metal kettle scrapers, rubber plate cleansers, scrubbing brushes for cleaning vegetables, vegetable slicers and apple parers.

A cream dipper is a new contrivance for separating the cream from the rest of the milk.

A simple freezing device is made from a thin double-walled vessel with a capacity for five gallons. The space between the two walls is about an inch wide. Carbonic acid is introduced to the inside vessel by means of tubes, and greatly facilitates the freezing process. Water may be frozen in one minute, and meats and fruits can be chilled in a few seconds in one of these apparatuses.

Try baking a pie shell and filling it with apple sauce covered with whipped cream.

Dip a slice of ice cream in melted chocolate before serving. Or else put it in cantaloupe and garnish with cream.

Use chocolate cream for a cake filling or place them on top and frost all over.

Try making a layer hickory nut cake, and fill and cover it with whipped cream.

A novel way to serve pineapple is to cut the top and bottom from the fruit, cut around the sides, clip out the centers, and pile the slices up with powdered sugar, cut down the sides of the pineapple shell, replace the slices, then it is ready to serve.

When boiling fresh potatoes try a sprig of mint in the water for a delicious flavor.

To avoid scalding them in the skin and a few minutes.

A pinch of green vegetable color.

He who stumbles he is far less likely to fall down when his head is left free. In England, where they are far ahead of us in everything pertaining to the last surrender being that of the British army, the change having been made Sir George Bugeynne, the late commander-in-chief, and he testified to the beneficial results attending it.

The old fashioned term "breaking color" has about gone out of date. The word "training" now takes its place, and it certainly is much more fitting. When you hitch the collar up, hold the shoulders that you are his friend and are not going to hurt him. He will look to you for protection. Teach him to work by offering the reward of kindness. Have you noticed how much good it does a colt after he has been worked until he is tired and probably thinks he has no friends, to go around to him and pat and rub him about the head and talk to him? He seemingly understands your every word and picks up courage. Be patient and teach him to work and pull as a habit. He will soon get the hang of working well, but until he gets the right swing he will be awkward and not very reliable to draw heavy loads.

The two principal essentials in training colts are kindness and patience. If you have a large stock of these two virtues you will have little difficulty in bringing up a colt in the way he should go.

The best wash for inside or outside use is made as follows: One-half bushel unbleached linen cloth with warm water; cover it during the process of steaming; strain the liquid; dissolve a peck of salt in warm water; drop three pounds of ground rice to a thin paste, add one-half pound of powdered whiting and a pound of glue, which has been dissolved over a slow fire, and add five gallons of hot water to the mixture; stir well and let it stand forty-eight hours. If properly applied one pint will cover a square yard. This will stand the weather better than any mixture we know of.

Beef scrap is indispensable for yarded fowls, and for range fowls also in winter. They only eat a small quantity after gradually feeding it to them, even when kept in their reach all the time, but this little they must have to be profitable as layers or breeders. It, like the alfalfa, may be fed dry, and kept in their reach all the time, or fed in the mash. Two heaped tablespoonfuls to a dozen fowls per day, if fed in mash, produce good results. When giving a mash feed give all that will be eaten up clean, but none to be left.

If an egg is allowed to remain in one position too long, the yolk adheres to the membrane of the shell.

There is no doubt that exercise is very beneficial to fowls. Among humans the lack of exercise combined with high feeding causes most troublesome diseases. The same laws govern the fowls world. There are several things that exercise does. One of these is, it prevents the birds becoming too fat, which in turn destroys their usefulness. No matter how much a bird eats, if it exercises it will keep the fat from accumulating, as the muscular exertion causes the lungs to work excessively, and in doing this they burn up a large amount of carbon, which comes from the food. Being burned up in this way, it does not accumulate on the body and around the intestines in the form of fat.

In the poultry house, whole grain should be fed in straw or chaff spread thickly. If it is fed in hay or whole straw the task of uncovering it is too light. The finer the straw the more perfectly will it cover the grain that is sown in it, and the more difficult will be the task of getting it out, which the hens must do kernel by kernel. If poultry keepers would follow this plan their fowls would lay more eggs, for the reason that they would not be over fat and would be in generally good health. The mere fact of exercise does not cause the production of eggs.

Fruits of all kinds do well upon cleared woodland, provided, of course, that the location and mechanical condition of the soil are suitable. But it is not wise to plant trees on such land until it has been thoroughly plowed and is in a condition to be conveniently cultivated. In planting an orchard upon stumpy land stumps should not be allowed to remain in proximity to the newly set trees. The stumps will not only interfere with cultivation, but greatly endanger the trees by bruises from horse or plow. Among small fruits the strawberry thrives especially well on recently cleared land. Upon such soil it makes a most satisfactory growth and fruitage, and much less labor is required to keep the weeds and grass down, as the ground is not impregnated with foul seed. The immunity of new ground, compared to old land, from weed and grass infestation is a most important factor not only in strawberry culture, but in all planting or trucking operations.

In denmark the farmers are compensated by law for damage to crops and premises, and in France a farmer who presents his neighbor for damage to neighbor allows weeds to grow in his field would save millions of dollars in the United States if law prevailed which would prevent farmers from growing weeds in their fields.

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Middle Town as follows:
Going North—2.30 a. m., 10.30 a. m., 4.05 p. m., 6.00 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Going South—3.00 a. m., 1.10 p. m., 11.30 a. m., 4.30 p. m., 6.30 p. m. and 8.30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.30 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., AUG. 31, 1909.

Local News

Dr. M. B. Burston, Eye Specialist, Eyes Examined; Glasses Fitted. Corner Broad and Main Streets.

After June first, the Library hours will be: Tuesday, 7 to 8.30; Friday, 7 to 8.30 and Saturday 3 to 5 P. M.

Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

Now is the time to have your teeth attended to. Don't wait for hot weather. Dr. Johnson will give you up-to-date service. Fresh gas daily.

FOR RENT.—The 8-room dwelling on East Main street, now occupied by Mrs. W. H. Dockett. Possession given August 25th, 1909. Apply to Mrs. Dockett.

Mr. J. B. Messick is one of the few in this section who is fortunate enough to have peaches this season, and the writer is indebted to Mr. Messick for a carrier of the delicious fruit.

Messrs. J. P. McIntyre, H. S. Beaton and J. E. Ginn had a very successful fishing trip at Betterton, Md., on Friday of last week, and brought home over 300 fine white perch.

The rain of Monday was a welcome visitor here, and enabled the farmers to plow their fallow ground. It was also a great help to the corn and all other growing crops. The pasture field will also be greatly benefited.

Baker's corn cannery is now at work, but the pack this season will undoubtedly be short, as the crop has been badly damaged by the drought, and many of the growers are not expecting more than one-half their usual yield.

Friday was had luck day for fair; the most superstitious on the calendar and the 13th combined. No casualties have been reported, however, on account of the clearing of these bad luck dates.

Many farmers fear that the froth previous to Monday's rain will prove very disastrous to the growing corn crop. While corn is not looking so badly the dry weather will be felt principally in the highland regions of the county.

Preston's tomato cannery began canning on Thursday, and the prospects for a successful season are good. Tomato vines never looked better in this section than now, but it is too early to make any estimate as to how heavy the yield will be.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending August 12th: Miss Stella Gibbs, Mrs. Maggie Jones, Mrs. Edith Morgan (2), Otis O. Schaefer, Mr. Raymond Smith, Mr. George Robinson.

We have in STORAGE several hundred tons of HIGH GRADE LEHIGH and BITUMINOUS COAL. You don't have to place your order before-hand as it is ALWAYS IN STOCK. We have just added to our yard a nice lot of SAWED WOOD. Phone 5. JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

A base ball game of unusual interest will be played on the home grounds this (Saturday) afternoon, when the strong Millington, Md., team will try conclusions with the local club. In a game played by these teams some time ago, the Marylanders won by the close score of 1 to 0, and the home team promises to redeem itself to-day.

An exchange says, "A watchmaker, a jeweler, a plumber and a host of other trades, claim to make mistakes and keep them from the prying eyes of an exacting public, but when a newspaper contains an error of types, it goes out to the world and is justly or unjustly criticized. If you do not believe the above, then try the pleasure of printing a newspaper."

The special excursion trains that will carry our people to Eastern Fair August 25th and 26th will arrive at the grounds at 11 o'clock and will not return until 6 o'clock, P. M., giving our people a full half day there. Meals served on the grounds, only 50c each. Nearly \$4000 paid in Race Purses.

"Gen'l Mack" and "Dry Dock," the two horses that attracted 12 thousand people at Salisbury, Md., are expected to start at Eastern Fair, August 26th. Everybody come and see them. The Fair Association has added a free-for-all race, purse \$300, to take the place of the Consolation Race. Horsemen tell your friends about this.

A colored farm hand, living with Mr. John Price, on the J. B. Messick farm, borrowed Mr. Price's horse and drove on Sunday to take his wife "to see her sick mother." On Monday the man turned up without the team. He had been to campmeeting on Sunday, and some one in turn had borrowed the borrowed team. On Monday a farmer living near St. Augustine, Md., found the team on the road, caught by a telephone pole. It had evidently been turned loose to find its way home after the parties were through with it. The team was finally returned to its owner, not much the worse for wear.

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The town lockup is being thoroughly renovated and repaired this week. A cement floor has taken the place of the plank, new timbers have been placed between the compartments, and heavy iron bars placed at the window and other repairs made, so that prisoners may be more comfortably and safely kept. We are informed that the colored men engaged in digging out the earth, preparatory to laying the cement, came across a number of pieces of money amounting in the aggregate to about \$5. The denominations were in quarters, dimes, nickels, and are supposed to have "leaked out" of the pockets of the prisoners at different times within the past 25 years or more.

Eugene Emerson, colored, who shot and killed Clarence Rhodes, of Warwick, Md., on the excursion boat "Annapolis" August 9, was taken to the Elktion jail Monday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff W. T. McAllister to be tried before the Circuit Court of Cecil County. The shooting occurred on the bay and Rhodes was taken to the Union Hospital, Elktion, where he died the next day.

Two colts belonging to Jacob Poor, living near Warwick, Md., were taken from the field on Saturday night, and as yet Mr. Poor has been unable to find any trace of them. One was a handsome black three year old, and the other, a mole-colored yearling. Mr. Poor has telephoned to all the nearby points for persons to be on the look-out for his colts. He is much distressed over his loss.

Washburn's Famous Shows, moral, mighty and magnificent, will positively exhibit in Middletown the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, August 25th. Rain or shine, the mighty exhibition is given under waterproof tents, and two solid hours of the keenest enjoyment is assured to all. No show which will visit this locality this season promises so much, and no show now before the public so faithfully fulfills every promise made. There is no feature advertised but what positively appears, and while some of the novelties announced by the flaming posters are seeming impossible, and never before witnessed, the management stakes its reputation that every act announced to appear will positively be given just as advertised and pictured. In a nutshell, the Washburn Shows this season are the finest and most fascinating that ever dazzled and delighted the public eye.

THOMAS E. HURN IS DEAD

Middletown's Oldest Resident Expired Suddenly Monday Afternoon

The many friends of Mr. Thomas E. Hurn were shocked on Monday afternoon when informed of his sudden death, which occurred about four o'clock. Mr. Hurn had been in failing health for several months, but his relatives and friends did not realize the end was so near. He had been on the street during the afternoon, and had only been home a few minutes when his wife discovered he was seriously ill, and although she summoned the attending physician immediately, he had passed peacefully away before his arrival.

Thus another name is stricken from the ever lessening roll of our older settlers, and a lonely home is left to attest how easily he will be missed. And it must be so; these tender human ties cannot be severed without a pang. Yet it is consoling to remember his life work was done, and he lay down to rest.

He was born February 14th, 1827, and was well on to 83 years of age. Having lived in Middletown about 68 years, he was one of the pioneers of the town and took pride in conversing about the days when the town consisted of only a few houses, and its inhabitants numbered less than 200 persons. He was a member of St. Anne's P. E. Church and for years could be seen in the church choir during the services. He was a member of Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., and was the oldest Odd Fellow, in point of membership, in the State. He was a Republican in politics, and had served his party as tax collector for St. George hundred. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Catherine Ginn, and one daughter, Miss Eliza R. Hurn; also one granddaughter, Mrs. John Armstrong, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at his late residence on Cass street, at two o'clock Thursday afternoon. Rev. P. L. Donaghy, assisted by Dr. V. S. Collins, officiated, interment being made in Forest Cemetery. After the services at the home, Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., took charge and concluded the services at the grave. The local lodge of Odd Fellows was represented, but not in a body. The pall bearers were: Messrs. M. B. Burris, M. N. Willis, George Eichenhofer, J. E. Ford, G. W. Ingram and W. A. Comegys.

DEATH OF FRANK SULLIVAN

After an illness of a few weeks, Frank Sullivan, one of the best known young farmers in Cecil County, Md., died at his home near Warwick Friday morning at 7 o'clock, aged 35 years. Mr. Sullivan was stricken with typhoid fever about three weeks ago, and his relatives and friends had little hopes for his recovery from the beginning of his illness.

MIDDLETOWN DRIVING PARK

Saturday's attractions at the Middletown Driving Park, near town, drew a crowd numbering about 700 persons to witness the racing events, and all were much pleased with the sport. The colt race was won by Barnett B., after three heats; Torino Wilkes, owned by H. Kibler, taking the first, but was drawn during the next two heats, leaving the race to Barnett B. and Rachel B. driven by B. B. Biggs. Summary: Barnett B., J. B. Ford.....2 1 1 Rachel B., W. B. Hixson.....3 2 2 Torino Wilkes, H. Kibler.....1 dr. 2 Time, 2:36; 2:21; 2:29. The 2 1/8 mile was won by Rex. W., owned by J. C. Alton, easily, over Capt. Charles, owned by T. N. Stoyton. Summary: Rex, W., J. C. Alton.....1 2 1 Calchas, T. N. Stoyton.....2 1 2 Time, 2:18; 2:15; 2:18. Much interest was manifested in the 2 25 pace, there being three young stallions in the race. The summary: Prince March, Jr.,.....1 1 Owned by C. M. Cochran. Barnett B., Jr.,.....2 2 Little Buck,.....3 3 Owned by J. W. Barnett. Time, 2:33; 2:30.

The new Mitchell automobile, the one Mr. J. B. Ford ran into the ditch at Willow Bridge, just north of Armstrong's Corner, some weeks ago was next brought on the track and after a neat little speech by Mr. Ford explaining the accident, he together with W. B. Biggs, J. P. Cochran, Corbett Viapard and Mr. H. F. Otteni, the chauffeur, got in the car and the track was circled three times at a pretty good clip amid the applause of the crowd. It was a feature somewhat relieving the monotony of the racing.

The Farmers' race drew three horses to the track and good time was made, Del Brook winning easily. Summary: Del Brook,.....1 1 Owned by R. T. Ratledge. Society Bell,.....2 2 Owned by Frank Clayton. Charlie D.,.....3 3 Owned by A. Donovan. Time, 2:35; 2:30.

The judges were: W. D. Bradford, W. H. Boulden and W. A. Scott. Timers: E. N. Stoyton, N. J. Williams and J. B. Ford. Starter, Mr. Johnson, of Elktion.

PERSONALITIES.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. McWhorter were in Philadelphia Tuesday.

Mr. J. William Beaton spent several days this week at Betterton, Md.

Mrs. N. M. Browne, of Wilmington, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Borris.

Miss Stella Chandler, of Wilmington, is visiting her cousin, Miss Mary Ginn.

Miss Mary Byrne is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ford.

Mr. George D. Kelley, Jr., of Newark, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Miss Helen Start, of Smyrna, has been visiting Miss Esther Davis, near town.

Tax Collector John W. Denny is very ill at his home on North Board street.

Miss Florence Blome is spending several days with her sister at Woodlake.

Messrs. Maude and Blanche Daskyne are guests of friends near Solersville, Md.

Miss Estella Soydam was the guest of relatives in New Brunswick, N. J., this week.

Miss May Beaton, of Chestertown, Md., has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Beaton.

Messrs. Harry J. Ellison, of Wilmington, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson.

Messrs. W. P. Biggs, Alexander Maxwell and Alexander Metten spent Sunday in Smyrna.

Mrs. Leslie Schreitz and daughter, Miss Jeannette, were Betterton, Md., visitors this week.

Miss Mary Salisbury, of Dover, has been visiting Mrs. Charles Derrickson, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Messick returned on Tuesday, after spending two weeks at Atlantic City.

Mrs. E. R. Marker is entertaining her sister, Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, of New Castle, this week.

Mrs. Embrey and son Pierson, of West Chester, Pa., are guests at the home of Mr. Frederick Brady.

Dr. J. Allen Johnson and family have returned from Betterton, Md., after a delightful week's outing.

Mr. John M. Naudin and son Houston, of Baltimore, Md., spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. S. E. Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor, of Wilmington, are spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller and little child, of Dover, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pearce.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Crossland spent several days the first of the week with relatives in near Wilmington.

Miss Lulu Vinyard and niece, Miss Mreian Vinyard, are spending two weeks in Philadelphia and Westfield, N. J.

Miss Sadie Flinn returned to Philadelphia Monday, after a two weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. Rachel Flinn.

Mrs. Henrietta Parvis and Mrs. Lydia Pennington spent Sunday with Mr. G. M. D. Hart and family in Townsend.

Miss Kathryn Eberhardt and James LeFever, of Wilmington, are spending this week with Mrs. Charles Schuman.

Mrs. T. J. Bowes and two daughters, of Philadelphia, are spending sometime with her brother, Mr. J. C. Alton, near town.

County Commissioners J. W. Dayett and Daniel Thompson were in town on Thursday, and paid our office a pleasant call.

Mrs. A. M. Chamberlain and children and Miss Alice Wood are at Stamford, N. Y., near the Catskill Mountains, for two weeks.

Mrs. D. P. Barnard and children, of Wilmington, are spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds.

Mr. Albert Mundell, of Fort Slocom, N. Y., was the guest of Mrs. Sallie Kumpel and family several days during the past week.

Captain W. E. Lee who has been confined to his bed for several weeks, is now improving rapidly, and hopes to be out again in a few days.

Mrs. Emerson Pogue, Mrs. Samuel Floyd and Mrs. William R. Fox and son, Howard, of Wilmington, spent Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Cox.

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CONFERENCE ON FREIGHT RATES

Charges for Potatoes Were Discussed

Growing out of the movement to get lower freight rates for the shipment of potatoes from this state to the markets of the country, the committee of transportation of the Potomac Horticultural Society held a conference Thursday morning with Charles E. Kingston, division agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in Wilmington, but no action was taken.

That there is a general cry of discrimination by the railroad company in freight rates on the peninsula was stated by James T. Shalleron, a member of the State Board of Agriculture and a committeeman. He said that the potato industry in Delaware had become an extensive one and he thought the charges would be doubled if the railroad company would agree to lower its rates.

Mr. Kingston said that potatoes are in the same classification as apples, and other of the heavier products of the farm. The classification and rates, he said, are made by the trunk association of railroads and prevail in the country east of the Mississippi river. Mr. Kingston said the railroad company had heard much of discrimination and similar reports, and denied that it existed and asked for facts or arguments to support such a cry. He said the railroad company wished to work hand in hand with the farmer and would investigate and try to adjust all grievances.

There was a general discussion of the matter, and whether any action will be made is not stated.

The members later had a conference with Joseph Emory, agent for foreign steamship lines, whose office is on Front Street, opposite the French Street station in Wilmington. The members of the board talked over briefly with Mr. Emory, the matter of diverting time immigrants to Delaware farms.

Mr. Emory thought many prices coming to this country could be sent to farms in Kent and Sussex counties.

Those in the committee that conferred with Mr. Kingston were S. H. Messick, Edward W. Jenkins and James T. Shalleron, members of the State Board of Agriculture; Wesley Webb, secretary of the board; Frederick Brady, of Middletown; Oliver A. Newton, of Bridgeville; Charles Barker, of Milford, and C. R. Jones, of Georgetown. The conference was held in Mr. Kingston's office.

ODESSA

Mr. Robert Douglas spent Thursday with friends in Wilmington.

Miss Martha Evans, of Elton, Pa., spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. John Stuart, wife and son, of Windfield, Chester, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Miss Grace Binger, of near town, is spending some time with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. A. M. Williams, of Philadelphia, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Lee Sparks.

Mr. George W. Heldmyer has returned home, after spending several weeks with friends in the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Ward, of Chester, Pa., spent this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward.

Messrs. Ruth and Mary Naudin have returned home, after spending sometime with friends in New Jersey.

Miss Geneva Ward, of Chester, Pa., is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward.

Mrs. Marguerite DeLaney and daughter, of Philadelphia, are spending sometime with Mrs. Sophia Gremminger.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holden has returned to his home in Philadelphia, after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. John Biegar.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Diet and Mr. and Mrs. G. Krum, of Philadelphia, are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. John Heldmyer.

CECILTON

Mr. James H. Smith was a Baltimore visitor recently.

Mrs. Susie Clark, of Middletown, is visiting Mrs. J. V. Jones.

Miss Emma Pennington has been the guest of friends in town.

Mr. Clayton Templeman, of Marion, has been visiting friends here.

Miss Alice Walters, of near Seaford, is visiting Miss Marion Griffith.

Miss Louise Glenn, of near Chester town, is visiting Miss Mary Blackway.

Mr. L. Shrack, of Philadelphia, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. S. W. Looby.

Messrs. E. Short and Irving Burke spent last Wednesday at Camden Camp, Del.

Messrs. Emma and Blanche Brown are visiting Miss Myra Dawson, in Camden, Del.

Misses Martha, Sadie, Ella and Marion Cannon are visiting friends near Chester town.

Rev. O. E. Jones, wife and children are visiting her father, Mr. Caulk, in Wyoming, Del.

Mrs. W. G. Harris and daughter, Miss Sarah, of Marion, have been visiting Miss Fannie Griffith.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Miss Mary Smith, of Galena, spent one day last week with friends in town.

Mrs. Joseph Beckman and son, of Philadelphia, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Budd, Mrs. Thomas Pearce and Mrs. George Beaton were the guests of Mrs. Bryon Bonchelle, in Chesapeake City, last Wednesday.

Mr. John Taylor, wife and daughter, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Davis Taylor, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Millard Taylor, of Millington, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor.

OVERSEAS PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. R. POARD.

Wheat—No. 1, 41.00; Corn—No. 2, 22.50; Yellow, shelled, 75; Timothy Seed, 62.50; Oats, 60; Clover Seed, 1.11; Hops, 1.00.

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.

Eggs, per doz., 23.25; Country Butter, per lb., 27.63; Creamery Butter, per lb., 32.15; Live Chickens, per B., 12.14; Potatoes, 35.45.

WARWICK

Mrs. Clarence Lipscomb spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. Wilson Merritt spent Wednesday at his home here.

Mr. Robert Morgan and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Eaton on Tuesday.

Mrs. Edward Jordan and son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Vinyard visited Mr. Maxey Bland and family on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manlove spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sawyer.

Mrs. U. P. Ginn, of Mt. Pleasant, spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. V. L. Vinyard.

Mrs. John Lettoms spent a few days of last week with her sister, Mrs. Richard Hodgson.

Mrs. Mary A. Lofland has returned home, after a visit with relatives near Cecilton.

Mrs. Andrew Reynolds and mother, of Gots, visited Mrs. William Merritt on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Point, of Wilmington, visited Mrs. M. Rasmus a few days this week.

Mr. V. M. Fountain and son Victor, of Deland, Fla., are visiting his sister, Mrs. V. L. Vinyard.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Merritt, Sr., have returned home, after a week's visit with friends in Reading, Pa.

Miss Clara Blackborn, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. H. Price, Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number of young folks of Warwick were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Price, last Saturday evening. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Miss Mary Walkers is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Ollie Dean is spending sometime in Philadelphia.

George Larrabee, of New York, was a recent visitor here.

Miss Mattie Foster, of Centerville, is visiting relatives in town.

Charles Schaefer, of Delaware City, is visiting relatives in town.

Alfred Hanson, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Augustus Bonchelle.

Miss Ethel Ellison visited friends in town several days last week.

Mrs. Catharine Vansant, of Dover, is the guest of Mrs. J. D. McCoy.

Leroy Palmistry, of Wilmington, has been spending a few days in town.

Miss Florence Blanesfield, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mrs. Mary Metz.

Messrs. Elsie Oliver and Elizabeth Cooling spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Miss Fanny Ford, of Elktion, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Ford.

Miss Estel Hayes, of Bear Station, has been visiting her sister, Miss Nan Hayes.

Miss Ida Bonchelle was entertained by Miss Ethel Ellison several days this week.

Mrs. James Hopper and Miss Alice Hopper are enjoying a visit in Baltimore.

Dr. W. C. Karner and Miss Elsie Karner were recent visitors in Philadelphia.

Messrs. Naq Hayes and Katharine McDonald are spending this week at Rehoboth.

Messrs. Fannie and Emily Peach, of North East, are the guests of Miss Mollie Ford.

Mrs. I. G. Griffith and daughter Emma and Miss Louise Bonlden spent Thursday at Rehoboth.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kibler and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clayton spent Saturday in Middletown.</